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The Freedom of the Preſs is one of the great Bulwarks of Liberty, and can never be reſtrained but by deſpotic Governments.

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OF THE OBLIGATION OF HUMAN LAWS.

ALL writers allow that the leagues and contracts which Princes make with one another do oblige them no longer than they are in poſſeſſion of their kingdoms, becauſe the ſole reaſons of making theſe leagues were upon the power each kingdom had to afford mutual aſſiſtance and benefit to one another; and if this be a conſtant practice with Kings, that their treaties oblige them no longer than while each King has poſſeſſion of his kingdom, why will they not allow the ſame reaſon to hold for ſubjects, that they ſhould be free from all obligations to Princes when they no longer receive any protection from them, ſeeing that was the only ground and ſole cauſe of their paying allegiance? And in truth they cannot be any longer obliged than the reaſon for obliging them holds; for why ſhould people be obliged when there is no reaſon they ſhould be ſo? No laws can bind any longer than the reaſon for enacting them holds good; and when the ſole reaſon which made them laws ceaſes, the laws themſelves muſt ſo too. Much more muſt any particular law be null and void when not only the reaſon of keeping it ceaſes, but the keeping it thwarts the general intent of all laws, which is the happineſs of the ſocieties, to which all laws are but means; and there is no reaſon that the means ſhould oblige when the end for whoſe ſake the means were ordained cannot be obtained by thoſe means, much leſs when they become deſtructive of the ſole end for which they were ordained.

If there were a law that ſhips ſhould ſail on ſuch a ſide of the channel, and the ſole reaſon, whether expreſſed or not, were for avoiding the dangerous ſands on the other ſide, ſhould the ſands chance to be removed to the ſafe ſide of the channel, the pilot would be ſo far from being bound, becauſe of that law, to run his ſhip on the ſands, that he would break the law if he kept to the letter of it, and would obſerve it by going contrary to the letter. So again, if a law which required obedience to one particular perſon ſhould happen to be deſtructive of the publick good, and of fatal conſequence to the community, the letter of the law would oblige no more in one caſe than in the other; nay, the reaſon of not obſerving the laſt would be ſtronger on account of the diſproportion of the number. But the true meaning and intent of the law would, in one caſe as well as the other, oblige people to act contrary to the letter of it; and they would be as much bound to pay obedience where it is for the publick good as, in the other caſe, the ſhip would be to ſail on the ſafe ſide of the channel.

PHILADELPHIA, *November 3.*

By the CONGRESS *of the* UNITED STATES *of* AMERICA.

MANIFESTO.

THESE United States having been driven to hoſtilities by the oppreſſive and tyrannous meaſures of Great Britain, having been compelled to commit the eſſential rights of man to the deciſion of arms, and having been at length forced to ſhake off a yoke which had grown too burthenſome to bear, they declared themſelves free and independent.

Confiding in the juſtice of their cauſe, confiding in HIM who diſpoſes of human events, although weak and unprovided, they ſet the power of their enemies at defiance.

In this confidence they have continued, through the various fortune of three bloody campaigns, unawed by the power, unſubdued by the barbarity of their foes. Their virtuous citizens have borne without repining the loſs of many things which make life deſirable. Their brave troops have patiently endured the hardſhips and dangers of a ſituation, fruitful in both beyond former example.

The Congreſs, conſidering themſelves bound to love their enemies, as children of that Being who is equally the father of all, and deſirous, ſince they could not prevent, at leaſt to alleviate the calamities of war, have ſtudied to ſpare thoſe who were in arms againſt them, and to lighten the chains of captivity.

The conduct of thoſe ſerving under the King of Great Britain hath, with ſome few exceptions, been diametrically oppoſite. They have laid waſte the open country, burned the defenceleſs villages, and butchered the citizens of America. Their priſons have been the ſlaughterhouſes of her ſoldiers, their ſhips of her ſeamen, and the ſeveral injuries have been aggravated by the greateſt inſult.

Foiled in their vain attempt to ſubjugate the unconquerable ſpirit of freedom, they have meanly aſſailed the repreſentatives of America with bribes, with deceit, and the ſervility of adulation. They have made a mock of humanity, by the wanton deſtruction of men; they have made a mock of religion, by impious appeals to God whilſt in the violation of his ſacred commands; they have made a mock even of reaſon itſelf, by endeavouring to prove that the liberty and happineſs of America could ſafely be entruſted to thoſe who have *ſold their own*, unawed by the ſenſe of virtue or of ſhame.

Treated with the contempt which ſuch conduct deſerved, they have applied to individuals; they have ſolicited them to break the bonds of allegiance, and imbue their ſouls with the blackeſt of crimes. But fearing that none could be found through theſe United States equal to the wickedneſs of their purpoſe, to influence weak minds they have threatened more wide devaſtation.

While the ſhadow of hope remained that our enemies could be taught by our example to reſpect thoſe laws which are held ſacred among civilized nations, and to comply with the dictates of a religion which they pretend in common with us to believe and to revere, they have been left to the influence of that religion and that example; but ſince their incorrigible diſpoſitions cannot be touched by kindneſs and compaſſion, it becomes our duty by other means to vindicate the rights of humanity.

We, therefore, the Congreſs of the United States of America, do ſolemnly declare and proclaim, that if our enemies preſume to execute their threats, or perſiſt in their preſent career of barbarity, we will take ſuch exemplary vengeance as ſhall deter others from a like conduct. We appeal to that God who ſearcheth the hearts of men for the rectitude of our intentions; and in his holy preſence we declare, that as we are not moved by any light and haſty ſuggeſtions of anger or revenge, ſo through every poſſible change of fortune we will adhere to this our determination.

DONE in Congreſs, by unanimous conſent, the 13th day of October, 1778.

HENRY LAURENS, *Preſident.*

Atteſt. CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary.*

THE ſubſcribers to this gazette are thus early informed, that after the expiration of the preſent year the price of it will be TEN DOLLARS *per annum*, one half to be paid down, and the other half at the expiration of ſix months. The papers will be continued upon the above terms to all the old ſubſcribers, unleſs directions to the contrary are given by the firſt of January next.

JUST publiſhed, and to be SOLD at DIXON & HUNTER'S *printing office,*

The VIRGINIA ALMANACK, *for the year* 1779.

Price 2ſ. ſingle, or 20ſ. the dozen.

WILLIAMSBURG, *November 24,* 1778.

AS many great inconveniences have ariſen from officers taking forage from the people at large, and granting certificates for payment thereof, and ſeveral waggon maſters and other perſons having in like manner impreſſed ſeveral horſes for publick ſervice without any appraiſement being made before a magiſtrate or proper officer, and ſome of them having refuſed or neglected to give the owner or owners of ſuch horſes a certificate to enable him or them to apply for payment, whereby many individuals have been great ſufferers, and the ſervice of the United States, from ſuch miſconduct and irregular proceedings, greatly retarded: In order therefore to prevent the like inconveniences in future, I do hereby make known to all officers of the army of the United States, and others whom it may concern, that I have aſſiſtants appointed at the following ſtations, where every ſpecies of that article is laid in, *viz.* At *Williamſburg, Richmond, Charlotteſville,* in *Albemarle, Leeſburg, Alexandria,* and *Frederickſburg.* And it is expected that all officers, on their march with horſes or baggage waggons, will apply and receive ſufficient forage at one of the ſtations to ſupport their teams and horſes to the next; and where it happens that officers are neceſſitated, from circumſtances that cannot be guarded againſt, to purchaſe forage, they are in that caſe particularly requeſted to pay for it, and on producing the proper vouchers to my aſſiſtant at the next ſtation, ſuch aſſiſtant is hereby authorized and required to refund it. And all waggon maſters, and conductors of waggons and teams, expreſs riders, and others employed in the ſervice of the United States, who, from unavoidable accidents, may be obliged to impreſs any horſe or horſes, ſuch perſon or perſons are hereby required to give the owner or owners of ſuch horſe or horſes (wherever the nature of the ſervice will admit of it) a bill of appraiſement, and a certificate for the horſe or horſes ſo impreſſed, ſetting forth the reaſons for ſo doing, and the place he or they came from and where going, and the poſſeſſors of ſuch certificates are hereby deſired to notify the ſame to me ſo ſoon after as may be, that proper enquiry may be made, to prevent, if poſſible, any loſs accruing from a neglect thereof, either to the owners or to the United States.

(6) WILLIAM FINNIE, D. Q. M. G. S. D.

To be RENTED for a term of years, to the higheſt bidder, on Monday *the 7th of* December *next, being* Henrico *court day, before Mr.* Gabriel Galt's *door in* Richmond,

THE NEW MILLS on the falls of *James* river, belonging to the eſtate of the late Col. *Samuel Overton*. They are in exceeding good repair, and contiguous to a good wheat country. A further deſcription is thought needleſs, as it is preſumed that thoſe who incline to rent would chooſe to ſee the conveniencies. Undoubted ſecurity will be required at the time of letting.

JOHN M'KEAND,
EDWARD PARK,
BARTHOLOMEW THOMPSON.

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On Monday *the 7th of* December, *will be SOLD, at the ſeat of the late* Mann Page, *Eſq; of* Glouceſter *county,*

A CONSIDERABLE number of high bred HORSES, MARES, and COLTS, two of which, now coming two years old, were gotten by *Old Fearnought*; the others by *Damon* and *Shakeſpear*.——*. The creditors and debtors to his eſtate are requeſted to make immediate application to receive and diſcharge their reſpective balances. 2 JOHN PAGE, jun.

To be RENTED to the higheſt bidder, for the year 1779, *on* Wedneſday *the* 16th *of* December, *on the premiſes,*

THE plantation in *Glouceſter* county well known by the name of *Morgin's Neck*, containing near 800 acres, conveniently ſituated on *York* river, and bounded by *Poropotank* and *Tankſporopotank* creeks, which abounds with fine fiſh and oyſters, and plenty of wild fowl, in their ſeaſon. There is a ſufficiency of cleared land (which is equal to any in the lower part of the country) to work 12 hands to advantage, and a ſufficiency of timber for the plantation uſe, very convenient, but not any allowed to be removed or ſold from off the land by the perſon who may rent it. Bond, with good and ſufficient ſecurity, will be required on the day of renting, and poſſeſſion given the 1ſt day of *January* next, by

‖ JOHN MEREDITH.

For SALE, to the higheſt bidder, on the 1ſt of January *next, for ready money,*

FOUR valuable ſlaves, ſome ſtock, about 900 weight of pork, and about 15 barrels of corn. It is on the plantation where *John Wilks*, deceaſed, lived, about 6 miles below *New Kent* courthouſe.

‖ JOSEPH WILKS.

STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, near *Four Mile* creek, in *Henrico* county, on *Friday* night the 30th of *October*, a likely bay mare, 4 feet 11 inches high, 6 years old, neither docked nor branded, has a long buſhy tail, and thick mane, which generally hangs on both ſides the neck, no white about her, and was with foal. Her ſire was *Mark Anthony*, whoſe blood plainly appears. A reward of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS will be paid on delivery of the mare, or ſhould ſhe be taken 100 miles from home, FIFTY POUNDS.

6‖ JOHN BROUNLEY.

BOSTON, *October* 29.

MONDAY ſevennight a large company of gentlemen and ladies dined on board the Languedoc, at the invitation of the Count d'Eſtaing. The entertainment was highly elegant. A picture of General Waſhington at full length, lately preſented to the Count by General Hancock, was placed in the center of the upper ſide of the room, the frame of which was covered with laurels.

NORWICH, *October* 26.

LAST Wedneſday the Rev. Mr. Robbins of Branford, a gentleman near eighty years of age, was married to Mrs. Mills, of Kent, near ſeventy. This new married pair have ſeven ſons ſettled in the Miniſtry, and one a young candidate preacher. Seven of theſe Miniſters were at the nuptial ceremony; and what is remarkable, this aged couple and their eight ſons agree in doctrinal, experimental, and practical religion.

NEW YORK, *November* 2.

BY Captain Wedham we have an account that a French veſſel had been lately at Turk's iſland, deſtroyed the ſalt ponds at that place, and drove away all the ſettlers, and that Governor Seymour had gone down to Jamaica with his family.

His Excellency William Franklin, Eſq; arrived here laſt night from Connecticut, where he has been a priſoner more than two years.

POUGHKEEPSIE, *November* 2.

THE intelligence at head quarters to day, that may be depended on, is, that the enemy have made a very conſiderable embarkation, ſuppoſed already to amount to near 10,000, on board 150 ſail of tranſports, which at different times had fallen down to the Hook and Watering Place, and were every moment expected to ſail. There are different rumours as to their deſtination; ſome ſay to Boſton, others to South Carolina; bnt it is generally believed here, conſidering all circumſtances, that the Weſt Indies are the object. The embarkation ſtill ſeems to be going on, which leads to a concluſion, that a total evacuation will enſue; concerning this, however, opinions are much divided. There is a report in the city, that Jamaica is taken, and it is ſaid that rum and molaſſes have had a very extraordinary riſe in conſequence.

An account is juſt arrived from Rhode Iſland that the enemy there have withdrawn all their heavy cannon from the north end of the iſland, and had embarked them. This, however, comes by deſerters, and wants confirmation; if true, it is deciſive of a general evacuation of theſe ſtates. It is ſaid that the merchants in New York are packing up; but this too is deſerters news.

We have advice from ſeveral quarters that the enemy have deſtroyed all their works upon, and entirely evacuated, Staten Iſland, except the Watering Place.

We hear likewiſe that for ſome time paſt Sir Henry Clinton had ſtrictly forbidden all converſation upon political matters; and that for ſix days paſt all intercourſe between the country and the city of New York has been ſtopped, and no flags permitted to go in or out.

For ſome weeks paſt, we are adviſed, all the ſoldiery have drawn their proviſion from on board the ſhips. The hoſpital however was ſtill in the city of New York when we laſt heard from it.

PHILADELPHIA, *November* 17.

In CONGRESS, *July* 30, 1778.

RESOLVED, that it is the duty of all perſons in the ſervice of the United States, as well as all other the inhabitants thereof, to give the earlieſt information to Congreſs, or other proper authority, of any miſconduct, frauds, or miſdemeanors, committed by any officers or perſons in the ſervice of theſe ſtates, which may come to their knowledge.

Extract from the minutes.

CHARLES THOMSON, *Sec'ry.*

Letter from Major Talbot *to Major General* Sullivan, *dated* Stoningtown, *October* 29, 1778.

DEAR GENERAL,

The Sunday that I ſailed from Providence, with the troops you put under my command, I got no further than the Rocky iſland, for want of wind. The next day I got through Briſtol ferry to Mount Hope. Wedneſday, at 10 o'clock at night, made ſail, run down through Howland's ferry, in order to attack the ſchooner Pigot. When I came to Fogland ferry I hawled down all my ſails, and let her drift through the ferry under her bare poles, for fear of the fort on Rhode Iſland firing upon us, and giving the alarm to the ſchooner I intended to attack. It had the deſired effect; I ſailed through undiſcovered, at half paſt one, A. M. got ſight of the ſchooner Pigot, but at a ſmall diſtance from her was hailed by her, and fired upon by her marines from the quarter deck, but reſerved our fire till we had run our jibboom through her fore ſhrouds, then threw in ſuch a volley of muſketry, loaded with bullets and buck ſhot, and ſome cannon, that the ſeamen that were on deck immediately run below, begging for quarters, and them that were below never made their appearance upon deck. The conſequence of which was, my men run out upon our jibboom and boarded her without the loſs of a man. We came to ſail with her, and run into this harbour, where my men are all landed, and on their march to Providence, in good health. The Pigot mounted eight twelve pounders, and had forty five men on board. Their nettings were eight feet higher than our gunnel. The captain of the Pigot behaved with great reſolution, and defended the ſides of his veſſel in his ſhirt and drawers for ſome time, without a ſingle ſoul of his crew to aſſiſt him. My men behaved all well. Lieutenant Helms, of Col. Topham's regiment, behaved with the greateſt ſpirit, and was the firſt man on board. I have the honour to be your moſt obedient, humble ſervant,

SILAS TALBOT.

SIR, "PASSI *(near Paris) Auguſt* 12, 1778.

"I HAVE the honour to encloſe a few newſpapers and a letter from Spain; they contain all the news, excepting that the men of war at Toulon have gone out and taken four rich ſhips belonging to the Engliſh, ſaid to be worth four millions of livres. I have the honour to be, with all poſſible reſpect, your moſt humble ſervant,

JOHN ADAMS."

Preſident LAURENS.

Publiſhed by order of Congreſs.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

WILLIAMSBURG.

In the HOUSE *of* DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 23, 1778.

WHEREAS authentick information has been received that Lieutenant Col. George Rogers Clark, with a body of Virginia militia, has reduced the Britiſh poſts in the weſtern part of this commonwealth, on the river Miſſiſippi and its branches, whereby great advantages may accrue to the common cauſe of America, as well as to this commonwealth in particular,

Reſolved, that the thanks of this Houſe are juſtly due to the ſaid Col. Clark, and the brave officers and men under his command, for their extraordinary reſolution and perſeverance in ſo hazardous an enterprize, and for the important ſervices they have thereby rendered their country.

A correſpondent writes, it is a maxim generally believed, the truth of which he has not the leaſt doubt, that the people are the origin of all delegated powers; if ſo, he calls in queſtion the propriety of keeping ſecret certain articles of the treaty ſubſiſting between the court of France and theſe ſtates. If it is ſaid to keep them from the knowledge of the court of Britain, he thinks they may ſafely be communicated to the ſeveral Aſſemblies of the United States at leaſt, who are the legal repreſentatives of the people, and who, he thinks, have a right to know them.

Deaths.] The Reverend HANCOCK DUNBAR, late Miniſter of St. Stephen's pariſh, in King and Queen county.

This day were executed at the gallows near this city, purſuant to their ſentence, the following criminals, viz. Joſiah Phillips, Henry M'Clanen, Robert Hodges, John Reaſor, and Joſiah Blankinſhip.

To be SOLD, purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of William Whitlock, *deceaſed, of* Caroline *county, on* Tueſday *the* 8*th of* December *next, if fair, otherwiſe the next fair day,*

THE TRACT of LAND on *Polecat* ſwamp, containing, by eſtimation, 200 acres, whereon is two dwellinghouſes, and other outhouſes, a good apple orchard, and about 100 bearing peach trees. Twelves months credit will be given for the land. Likewiſe for ſale, a likely *Virginia* born NEGRO MAN. The credit for the negro to be agreed on the day of ſale. Bond, with approved ſecurity, will be required by (1‖) WILLIAM WHITLOCK.

On Wedneſday *the* 15*th of next* December *will be expoſed for ſale, at Mr.* Treadway's *ordinary, in the town of* Manchester, *at* Rocky Ridge,

SEVERAL brood mares in foal by an imported horſe, as alſo about 30 blooded colts and fillies, got by *Ranter* and the noted *Regulus*, from 4 years downwards. Twelve months credit may be had for one half the purchaſe money. The ſubſcriber has 370 acres of land lying in *Amelia* county, near the *Butterwood* ſpring, formerly the property of the late Rev. Mr. *Ornſbie*, for which he will take 500l. He would alſo rent his plantation called *Dutchy Hill*, on *James* river, *Prince George*, with or without 4 negroes. There is on this place a very large orchard of the beſt cyder and keeping apples, all grafted fruit.

(1‖) WILLIAM BLACK.

CHESTERFIELD, *November* 23, 1778.

FOR SALE,

THE HOUSES and LOT whereon the ſubſcriber lives. This lot is ſituated on the lower end of the ſtreet leading to *York*, and has thereon a good dwellinghouſe, with two good rooms above and below, with cloſets, and an exceeding good dry cellar, that has two rooms, a good kitchen, with four rooms in it, a cornhouſe, ſmokehouſe, and ſtable, alſo a very good well, and contains two acres and an half, part of which is in a very good garden, and the whole well encloſed. The terms will be made known by applying to the ſubſcriber, on the premiſes. (2‖) DUDLEY WILLIAMS.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 3, 1778.

I HAVE for SALE, at *Williamſburg*, a quantity of excellent CHEESE, WOOL CARDS, a likely NEGRO WENCH, and a SINGLE CHAIR, HORSE, and HARNESS complete.

(tf) PATRICK ROBERTSON.

*** I will give a dollar *per* pound for HOGS BRISTLES.

On Wedneſday *the* 23*d of* December *next will be SOLD to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, at the dwellingbouſe of the late Mr.* John Watkins, *deceaſed,*

ALL the remainder of the perſonal eſtate of the ſaid deceaſed, conſiſting of houſehold and kitchen furniture, a ſtock of horſes, cattle, and hogs, and about 250 barrels of *Indian* corn. (2‖) RO. WATKINS.

*** Sundry ſlaves will be expoſed to ſale at the above mentioned time and place.

SURRY county, *November* 15, 1778.

WHOEVER has my note on the back of Mr. *John Tabb*'s letter of credit for 350l. for what I purchaſed of Col. *James Eſtate*, are deſired to apply for their money, as I will not pay any intereſt.

1‖ WILLIAM EWING.

To be SOLD at publick auction, for ready money, on the 15th of this inſtant (December)

THE LAND and PLANTATION whereon the late Mr. *Robert Crawley* lived, in the county of *York*, and lying within three miles of *Williamſburg*. Great part of the land is good for tobacco or any kind of grain, and well timbered. There are on it a very good dwellinghouſe, and many other outhouſes, and good apple orchards. Alſo for ſale, ſeveral likely NEGROES.

2‖ RICHARD BOOKER, THOMAS LAWSON, } Executors.

PHILADELPHIA, *May*, 1778.

WHEREAS *James Harford*, ſurviving partner of *Robſon* and *Harford*, of the city of *Briſtol*, did conſtitute and appoint me their attorney, by virtue whereof, and for the more eaſy tranſaction of divers concerns in *Virginia*, I did inveſt *Robert Pleaſants* and *Thomas Bates* with powers for the ſame purpoſe, and in conſequence thereof, and for ſimilar reaſons, the ſaid *Pleaſants* and *Bates* did ſubſtitute *Oliver Towles* aſſiſtant attorney under them; and whereas, for divers cauſes and conſiderations, I think it expedient to revoke my ſaid letter of attorney to the ſaid *Pleaſants* and *Bates*, and alſo theirs to the ſaid *Oliver Towles*, I have, by one certain inſtrument of writing, bearing date with this advertiſement, under my hand and ſeal, revoked, annulled, and made void, all the powers and authorities thereby granted to them, or either of them, and do hereby caution and forewarn all and every perſon or perſons whatſoever from paying any ſum or ſums of money unto the ſaid *Pleaſants*, *Bates*, or *Towles*, for and on account of any debt, or for or on account of any lands, meſſuages, or tenements, by them or any or either of them ſold, nor to receive, take, or accept, any conveyances or other diſcharge from them, or either of them, for and on account of the ſaid *James Harford*, ſurviving partner of *Robſon* and *Harford*. (‖) WILLIAM FISHER.

WHEREAS I gave my bond, payable to *Thomas Gordon*, late of *Peterſburg*, for 250 l. factor for *William Cunningham* and company, and there is ſtill remaining a balance on ſaid bond unſettled, I give this publick notice that I am ready to diſcharge the ſame, and ſhall not think myſelf bound to pay intereſt from the date. 1‖ THOMAS DUDLEY.

NOVEMBER 19, 1778.

ROSLIN, *November* 14, 1778.

ALL thoſe whom it may concern are deſired to take notice, that I have a conveyance in *fee ſimple*, properly and legally executed on the 29th of *Auguſt*, 1776, from *Joſeph Lyell* for four hundred and fifty one acres of land, lying on *Morris*'s creek, in *Lunenburg* county, which conveyance has never been recorded, owing at firſt to the interruption of the courts of juſtice by the expiration of the fee bill, and ſince by two of the witneſſes being out of the ſtate. This notice is given leſt ſome innocent perſon ſhould be incautiouſly led to purchaſe a bad title.

‖ CHARLES DUNCAN.

LOST, on the 16th ult. between the *Pipingtree* ferry and *Weſt Point*, in *King William* county, a red LEATHER POCKET BOOK, in which were 120 dollars, with ſeveral bonds of importance, alſo ſome receipts, a copy of the regiſter of the ages of *Henry Cobbitt*'s children, and a certificate of the oath of fidelity and allegiance of the ſubſcriber to this commonwealth. Whoever brings the ſaid pocket book, with the contents, to me, or gives ſuch intelligence that I get it again, ſhall have TEN POUNDS reward, paid by the ſubſcriber in *Hanover*, about three miles from *Newcaſtle*. WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

I ENLISTED *Jacob Davis*, from *Eſſex* county, the 19th day of *Auguſt*, and have often deſired him to appear, to march to head quarters at *Williamſburg*, but he refuſes to attend. I therefore offer a reward of TWENTY DOLLARS to any perſon or perſons who will deliver the above mentioned man to the commanding officer at *Williamſburg* barracks. He lives about 6 miles from *Hobb*'s *Hole*, in the aforeſaid county.

1‖ BANKS DUDLEY, Lieut. ſtate gar. regt.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY,

A FULLER that underſtands the buſineſs of fulling, dying, ſheering, and finiſhing off cloths, in the beſt manner. Such an one, having a good recommendation, will meet with extraordinary encouragement by applying to me at my mill in *Cheſterfield*, near *Peterſburg*. (‖) JOHN RANDOLPH.

ALL perſons that have any demands againſt the eſtate of *Richard Chamberlayne*, deceaſed, in *New Kent* county, are deſired to make them known; and all thoſe who are in arrears to come and diſcharge their accounts.

WILLIAM CLAYTON, JOHN ARMISTEAD, } Executors.

JAMES CITY county, *December* 1, 1778.

SUPPOSED to be ſtolen on *Saturday* the 24th ult. a light bay horſe, about 14 hands high, with a thin hanging mane and long ſwitch tail, one hind foot white, and no brand. FIVE DOLLARS will be given on delivering him to

1 BENJAMIN WELDON.

To be SOLD, for ready money or loan office certificates,

MY LOTS in the town of *Frederickſburg*, whereon are the following improvements: A good dwellinghouſe, with three rooms, a paſſage, and two cloſets, below ſtairs, and two rooms and one cloſet above, a kitchen, waſhhouſe, ironing room, ſtorehouſe, ſervants apartments all under one roof, ſmokehouſe, dairy, coach houſe, ſtable, cowhouſe, and a twelve foot ſquare log houſe. There are three good cellars under the dwellinghouſe. About 11 or 12 lots, all lying together. The ſituation is high and dry, and commands a very extenſive proſpect. The ſale will begin at Mr. *Smith*'s tavern on *Monday* the 7th of *December*, at 3 o'clock. Poſſeſſion will be given the 1ſt day of *January*, 1779, perhaps at the day of ſale. 6 A. SPOTSWOOD.

SOLD at JOHN GREENHOW'S STORE, *in* WILLIAMSBURG,

A QUANTITY of logwood, and yellow wood, or ſuſtick, for dying, a few medicines, and ſundry other goods. If any perſon will employ him to ſell goods on commiſſion, either by wholeſale or retail, at public or private ſale, he will faithfully perform the truſt. He has likewiſe for ſale a very valuable FARM, which joins the city bounds down to the college landing. The payments will be made eaſy on giving good ſecurity. ‖

ALL perſons that have any claims againſt the eſtate of *Robinſon Daingerfield*, deceaſed, are deſired to make them known to me as ſoon as poſſible, that I may thereby be enabled to diſcharge all that are properly authenticated, having ſufficient in my hands for that purpoſe. Thoſe that fail complying with this requeſt, between this and the 1ſt of *January* next, will be precluded after that time from receiving any intereſt which they may have a right to demand on their ſeveral claims, or that his eſtate may now be liable to pay.

‖ WILLIAM DAINGERFIELD, Adminiſtrator.

THE pariſh of *St. Stephen*, in the county of *King & Queen*, being now vacant by the death of the late incumbent, the Reverend *Hancock Dunbar*, any Clergyman of the church of *England* coming well recommended, and approved of, will meet with ſuch encouragement as (we make no doubt) will be agreeable.

‖ BENJAMIN PENDLETON, WILLIAM TODD, } churchwardens.

ALL perſons indebted to the ſtore kept at *Providence* forge, are deſired to pay off their reſpective balances by the 1ſt of *February* next, as no longer indulgence will be given to thoſe who fail.

WILLIAM HOLT.

NORTH CAROLINA, *Dec.* 1, 1778.

ON the 12th ult. a certain *Smith* came to my houſe and ſhewed me an order from Colonel *Lamb* of *North Carolina*, to preſs or hire a horſe to go expreſs to *Winton*, and was to return the next day. The ſaid *Smith* hired my horſe, and I have never ſince heard any thing of either, and finding that the order was forged, I gill give a reward of TWENTY DOLLARS for the horſe, and FORTY DOLLARS on conviction of the thief. He is a well made man, of a light complexion, and much pitted with the ſmallpox, and has juſt come out of *Halifax* jail for horſe-ſtealing. (2‖) JAMES SUMNER.

HALIFAX county, *October* 19, 1778.

RUN away ſome time in *June* laſt a very likely negro fellow, named WILL, about 27 years old, 5 feet 11 inches high, walks and ſpeaks remarkably quick, and has a blemiſh in one of his eyes, which perhaps deprives him of the ſight of it. His clothes were all manufactured in the country. The ſubſcriber will give ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS to any perſon that will deliver him the ſaid ſlave, or FIFTY to have him ſecured in any jail in this ſtate, ſo that he gets him again. (‖) WALTER COLES.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

FOR taking up and delivering to Mr. *John Strode*, at *Hunter*'s forge, near *Falmouth*, a dark mulatto ſervant man named RICHARD or DICK WEBB, who run away from ſaid forge ſome time laſt *December*. He is a likely, well made fellow, about 5 feet 9 inches high, between 25 and 30 years of age, is fond of ſpirituous liquors, and very handy at moſt kinds of plantation work, has been alſo uſed to going by water, in which buſineſs it is probable he is now employed by ſome perſon on *York* or *James* river, where, no doubt, he will paſs himſelf for a free man. The above reward will be paid on delivering him at the forge, or if any perſon will give me information by letter, or otherwiſe, where he may be had, the favour will be gratefully acknowledged by

(‖) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

FALMOUTH, *October* 27, 1778.

PETERSBURG, *October* 6, 1778.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the ſubſcriber, on the 21ſt of laſt month, a bright bay horſe, with a black mane and ſhort ſwitch tail, and about 4 feet 7 inches high. I do not remember that he has any brand. His fore legs are windgalled, and when he ſets of after being reſted he ſeems lame. He has ſome large ſaddle ſpots near his withers, and the hair is rubbed off his breaſt by the harneſs. He is ſtrongly made, high ſpirited, trots ſhort, paces and gallops well, and is about 8 years old. I will give TEN DOLLARS to any perſon who ſecures the above horſe ſo that I get him again, FIFTEEN to any one that delivers him to me in this place, and FORTY on conviction of the thief. ISAAC HALL.

WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 26, 1778.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the ſubſcriber, a yelloviſh bay horſe, 14 hands 3 inches high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, a ſtar in his forehead, a ſore on the right ſide of his back, occaſioned by a cart ſaddle, and branded on the near buttock S T. Whoever delivers the ſaid horſe to me ſhall receive TEN DOLLARS reward, and if ſtolen, on conviction of the thief, TEN POUNDS.

JOHN DRAPER.

STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, on the 23d of *September* laſt, a bay gelding, about 4 years old, near 14 hands high, branded on the near buttock S, which appears dull, a ſtar in his forehead, a natural pacer, has a long broom tail, his off hind foot white, and a wart on his off flank. I will give TEN POUNDS reward to any perſon that will deliver me the ſaid horſe at the widow *Smith*'s in *Henrico*. (§) JOHN WEST.

TAKEN up, in the upper end of *Cumberland* county, a red ſteer, with a little white under his belly, the ends of his horns ſawed off, appears to be about 3 years old laſt ſpring, marked with a crop and ſlit in the right ear, and a crop and overkeel in the left. Appraiſed to 9 l. (1‖) JOSEPH LEE.

TAKEN up, in the upper end of *Louiſa*, on the ſouth branch of *Pamunkey*, a black mare colt, 2 years old laſt ſpring, has one hind foot white, a white ſtreak down her forehead, no brand, and is about 4 feet 6 inches high. Appraiſed to 35 l. (‖) DAVID HOOPS.

TAKEN up, in *Pittſylvania*, on *Great Cherryſtone* creek, a bay horſe, appears to be very old, branded on the near buttock W, and has a bell on. Appraiſed to 6 l. (‖) WILLIAM EASLEY.

TAKEN up, in *Cumberland*, three ſteers, two of them marked with a crop and ſlit in each ear, and the other with a crop and ſlit in each ear and a nick in the right. One of them appears to be about 4 years old, of a red colour, with ſome white under his belly, and a ſmall ſtreak of white on his back. Another one appears to be about 3 years old, and is altogether red. The other is red alſo, with ſome white under his belly, and a white ſtreak on his back, has a bob tail, and appears to be about 4 years old. Appraiſed, two to 20 l. each, and one to 10 l.

‖ BARTLET THOMSON.

TAKEN up, in *Culpeper*, a brindled cow, about 4 years old, marked with a crop and ſlit in the left ear, and a crop and ſtaple fork in the right. Poſted, and appraiſed to 10 l. (§) WILLIAM RICE.

TAKEN up, in *Culpeper*, a red and white pied ſteer, 3 years old, marked with a ſwallowfork in the left ear. Appraiſed to 6 l.

‖ JOHN WAYLAND.

TAKEN up, in *Culpeper*, an old dun coloured horſe, ſhod all round, has ſeveral hurts on his back, a natural pacer, docked, and branded on the near ſhoulder W T. Appraiſed to 10 l. ‖ JOHN BOHANNON.

For SALE, at public auction, before the Raleigh *tavern in this city, on* Tueſday *the 8th day of* December,

NINE fine MARES with foal by *King Alfred*, alſo ſome fine COLTS. The ſale to begin at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

2 JOSEPH HORNSBY.

TO BE SOLD,

TWO well built SLOOPS, together with their rigging, ſails, and anchors, all as good as new. One carries about 1500 buſhels, and the other 2000. They have convenient cabins, and are well decked. For terms apply to the ſubſcriber in *Williamſburg*. Alſo for ſale, two or three TENEMENTS in *Williamſburg*.

CHARLES TALIAFERRO.

☞ The ſubſcriber will give good encouragement to any perſon well ſkilled in the buſineſs of a POTTER, provided he comes well recommended. He will alſo give good prices for any implements neceſſary for carrying on the ſaid buſineſs.

To be RENTED, for one or more years,

MY PLANTATION on *Beaverdam* creek, in *Goochland* county, about 30 miles above the falls of *James* river. For terms apply to Mr. *John Thurmon* in *Goochland*, or to the ſubſcriber at his farm in *York* county.

WILLIAM PASTEUR.

☞ I have for ſale a very fine blood bay COLT, near 15 hands high, and riſing 4 years old.

To be SOLD at auction, for ready money, on the 2d Monday *in* December *next, at the houſe of the ſubſcriber, in* Frederick *county,*

TWO valuable NEGRO WENCHES, with their five CHILDREN, two HORSES, alſo a DOUBLE CHAIR, with two pair of harneſs.

2‖ ISAAC HITE, Adminiſtrator.

ANY perſon who is well acquainted with the buſineſs of a COUNTY COURT CLERK, and has an inclination to act as deputy, if he will apply ſoon to the ſubſcriber in *Northumberland*, with a recommendation of his honeſty, ſobriety, and induſtry, he will meet with genteel encouragement.

6‖ CATESBY JONES.

To be SOLD by the ſubſcriber, to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, on the premiſes in the borough of Norfolk, *on* Wedneſday *the 9th of* December *next, if fair, otherwiſe the next fair day,*

SEVERAL valuable LOTS, or PARCELS of LAND, *viz.* One very valuable water lot, on which the remains of the ſubſcriber's late dwellinghouſe ſtands, 35 feet in front, beſides a lane 6 feet wide, clear of the houſe, running down to the river. The whole is under parallel lines, and conſequently retains its breadth on the river. The diſtance from the front to the river is about 270 feet. A wharf is then run out about 100 feet, and 35 feet wide, where warehouſes may be ſet immediately, and two large ones rebuilt on good foundations, convenient to the river. It is capable of great improvement at a ſmall expence. Another parcel of land, ſituated on the back ſtreet, which runs down to the *Back* creek, where a wharf may alſo be made out to a good high water landing for large flats. A third parcel of land, ſituated near what is called the *Town Bridge*, on the main ſtreet, leading out of town, about 200 feet in front and 210 feet back, which will be ſold altogether, or divided into ſmaller parcels, as may beſt ſuit the purchaſers.

‖ JOHN RAMSAY.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of LAND on *Ward*'s fork, in *Charlotte* county, containing about 1600 acres, belonging to the eſtate of *Jonathan Pleaſants*, deceaſed. For terms apply to (‖) ROBERT PLEASANTS, Executor.

To be SOLD for ready money, by public auction, on the premiſes, on Monday *the 14th of* December,

MY HOUSE and LOTS ſituated on the back ſtreet, and one of the moſt retired and agreeble ſituations in *Williamſburg*. The houſe is in tolerable good repair, having two good rooms and a paſſage on the lower flower. The offices are a kitchen and a large ſtable, with a meathouſe, *&c.* There are about four acres encloſed in one lot, and will be ſold with the houſe.

4 JOHN PARKE CUSTIS.

☞ I will give a generous ready money price for a good COOK. A man would be preferred. J. P. C.

WILLIAMSBURG, *November* 17, 1778.

Will be LET to the higheſt bidder, for the term of ſeven years, on Wedneſday *the 16th of* December, *if fair, otherwiſe the next fair day,*

SIX hundred acres of valuable low grounds, well timbered, in the pariſh of *Abingdon*, and county of *Glouceſter*, lying in *Robins*'s neck, on *Swan* river, which abounds with fine fiſh and oyſters; likewiſe four fine negro fellows, four women, a lad, and a child, and ten cows, annexed to the above land. Perſons properly authoriſed to give poſſeſſion will attend on that day on the premiſes.

THE TRUSTEES.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of exceeding level LAND, containing 360 acres, lying upon *Matapony* river, well timbered, and of a ſoil that ſuits corn, wheat, and tobacco. It is ſituate 8 miles above *Aylett*'s warehouſe, in *King William* county. The terms may be known by applying to

4‖ GEORGE RICHARDS.

To be SOLD *on the 14th day of* December *next, at the houſe of Mr.* William Smith, *in* Fredericksburg,

THE LAND and PLANTATION whereon the late Mr. *Archibald M'Pherſon* lived, in the county of *Caroline*, on the *Williamſburg* road, 12 miles from *Fredericksburg*, whereon are all convenient houſes, and good orchards. Ready money, or loan office certificates, will be taken for payment by

2‖ THE TRUSTEES OF FREDERICKSBURG.

WILLIAMSBURG, *September* 22, 1778.

BETWEEN twenty and thirty SLAVES (among them a very valuable blackſmith, with his tools) will be ſold by the ſubſcriber to the higheſt bidders, before the Raleigh in this city, on the 8th day of *December* next, for ready money, or for certificates of the loan office of the United States, or of this ſtate. The ſale will begin at 4 o'clock in the afternoon (11‖) JOHN BLAIR.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of LAND in the lower end of *Goochland* county, containing 412 acres, with a good dwellinghouſe with three rooms on the firſt floor, and two above, a kitchen, dairy, ſmokehouſe, and other valuable improvements thereon. For terms apply to the ſubſcriber in *Powhatan* county, near *Cumberland* old courthouſe. 4‖ EDMUND LOGWOOD.

At a GENERAL COURT, *held at the Capitol, in* Williamſburg, *the 29th of* October, 1778.

THE Court having diſpatched all the buſineſs which the parties have been ready to bring on, and it appearing probable, that notwithſtanding the order made in the ſeſſion of laſt *March*, and directed to be publiſhed in the *Virginia* gazettes, many ſuitors have not yet had notice of the neceſſity of attending to their reſpective cauſes, it is the opinion of the Court that a further continuance of this ſeſſion is unneceſſary. But at the ſame time that the Court is willing to extend every reaſonable indulgence to ſuch ſuitors as may have been unprepared meerly through want of information, they have no conſideration at all for inattention and remiſſneſs. It is ordered, therefore, that a copy of this order be inſerted two months in each of the *Virginia* gazettes, notifying to all perſons concerned that thereafter they will be preſumed to have had regular notice that the Court will at their ſeſſion in *March* next proceed to the trial of the ſeveral cauſes in order as they ſtand on the docket, and diſmiſs ſuch of them as the parties ſhall not then be ready to proſecute.

(A copy.) 8 JOHN MAY, C. G. C.

WILLIAMSBURG, *November* 10, 1778.

I DO hereby advertiſe all continental officers and others that Commiſſaries are appointed at the following places, where proviſions are laid in, to wit. *Williamſburg, Peterſburg, Manchester, Hanover* courthouſe, *Frederickſburg, Leeſburg, Alexandria, Winchester*, and at *Charlotteſville* in *Albemarle*, where it is expected that officers on their march with men will apply and receive at one place a ſufficiency to carry them to the next. And as great inconveniencies ariſes from the method of taking proviſions from the people at large and granting certificates, no more of them will be paid at my office after the publication of this advertiſement; and where it happens that officers are neceſſitated, from circumſtances that cannot be guarded againſt, to purchaſe proviſions, they muſt pay for them, and account for them at the next ſtation, where, upon the iſſuing Commiſſary's certificate, the money will be refunded by my aſſiſtant at ſuch ſtation.

(tf) WILLIAM AYLETT, D. C. G. P.

☞ I am in immediate want of a SKIPPER and HANDS for a fine ſloop for the bay and river buſineſs, to whom good encouragement will be given.

I HAVE for SALE, in *Hanover* county, a valuable TRACT of LAND, containing about 570 acres, whereon is a good dwellinghouſe and apple orchard. This land lies about 10 miles above the courthouſe, on the ſouth ſide of *Southannah* river, whereon *William Tompkins*, deceaſed, formerly lived. The terms may be known by applying to me in *King William* county, or in my abſence to *Chriſtopher Tompkins*, junior, in the ſame county, whom I have empowered to ſell it. 4‖ JOHN COCKE.

To be SOLD *at* South Quay, *the 15th of* December, *if fair, otherwiſe the next fair day,*

THE ſloop JOHANES and ALETTA, Capt. *William Dingaderry*, lately from *Bourdeaux*. She is well found, a prime ſailer, and will carry about 60 hogſheads of tobacco. On board of the ſaid veſſel is a cargo of SALT, and ſome few dry GOODS, which may be had on reaſonable terms.

5 PHRIPP & BOWDOIN.

NORFOLK, *November* 9, 1778.

DINWIDDIE county, *July* 15, 1777.

THE ſubſcriber hath for ſale about 6000 acres of LAND, near the old town of *Peytonſburg* in *Pittſylvania* county, which would ſell in *Amelia* county from 3l. to 5l. *per* acre, on which are ſeveral ſmall tenements and plantations. Alſo 6000 acres on the waters and branches of *Hycks*'s and *Dan* rivers, in the county of *Halifax*, on which are likewiſe ſeveral ſmall plantations and improvements. Alſo 6000 acres in the county of *Mecklenburg*, in different parts of that county. Likewiſe ſeveral ſmall pieces of land in the counties of *Dinwiddie* and *Brunſwick*, containing about 4 or 500 acres each.

(tf) ROGER ATKINSON.

*** *Feb.* 10, 1778. Since writing the above advertiſement, I have been upon the firſt mentioned lands, and can recommend them as fine tobacco lands, lying well and free from ſtones, the whole tendable, the greateſt part rich. ROGER ATKINSON.

IF *Francis M'Kenny*, brother to *Anne M'Kenny* (ſince *Dela Heyde*) late of the State of *South Carolina*, is living, he may hear of ſomething to his advantage by applying to *George Sikes* of *Charleſtown* (State aforeſaid) by letter or otherwiſe. (26‖)

JOHN HOBDAY

RETURNS his ſincere thanks to the gentlemen who were ſo kind as to ſubſcribe for his benefit as an encouragement for the invention of his wheat machine, and begs the favour of them to pay the money to Mr. *Robert Nicolſon*, merchant in *Williamſburg*. Thoſe gentlemen who were pleaſed to take ſubſcription papers will be ſo good as to ſend them to Mr. *Nicolſon* as early as poſſible.

THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN away from *Moſſy* creek iron works, *Auguſta* county, *Virginia*, on the 30th of *September* laſt, an *Engliſh* convict ſervant man named THOMAS ORTON, about 30 years of age, near 6 feet high, ſlender made, marked with the ſmallpox, ſpeaks thick, and a little through his noſe, has a down look, and in common is very dirty. He had on, when he went away, a tow ſhirt and trouſers, a ſhort jacket made without ſkirts, of a light colour, lined with linen, and a ſtraw hat. He is ſuppoſed to have a paſs of a good hand writing. Whoever takes up the ſaid ſervant, and brings him home, or ſecures him in any jail, ſo that his maſter gets him again, ſhall have TWENTY DOLLARS reward if taken within 20 miles from home, and if further THIRTY DOLLARS, and reaſonable charges paid, by (12‖) HENRY MILLER.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN away from *Moſſy* creek iron works, *Auguſta* county, *Virginia*, on the 1ſt of *July* laſt, a negro man named WILL, about 28 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, of a clear black, has a down look, good teeth, and cleanly made, but ſtoops a little in the ſhoulders, ſpeaks good *Engliſh*, was born in one of the *Weſt India* iſlands, and ſold in *Philadelphia* (as he ſays) to a gentleman of the name of *Schull*, and then purchaſed by one *Patrick Crawford*, who lives in *Virginia*. This purchaſe was made about 15 or 16 years paſt. Whoever takes up the ſaid negro man, and ſecures him in any jail, ſo that his maſter gets him again, ſhall have the above reward, and reaſonable charges paid, by

(12‖) HENRY MILLER.

STOLEN out of General *Nelſon*'s paſture, near *York* town, on *Wedneſday* the 4th inſtant *(November)* at night, a dark bay mare, about 4 feet 8 inches high, 6 years old laſt ſpring, and was with foal when ſtolen. She has a few white hairs in her forehead, and a ſaddle ſpot each ſide of her back, the ſpot on the near ſide the largeſt, a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, paces, trots, and gallops, very well, and has no perceivable brand. Any perſon that will bring her to me, near *York* town, or give ſuch intelligence as I may get her again, ſhall receive TEN DOLLARS reward. (‖) THOMAS RYLAND.